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Warren Aides Hit Challenges To JFK Report

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Recent books and magazine articles challenging the conclusions of the Warren Commission are "a deception of the American people," attorney Albert E. Jenner says. He was senior counsel of the Warren Commission's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

"I regard these books as mischievous and irresponsible and a discredit to the memory of Mr. Kennedy."

"I've read all these books and checked them against the 26 volumes of the commission report," he said in an interview. "I find answers for all the questions that are raised."

Jenner said the critical works published since the report was issued have produced no new evidence that a second assassin was involved. He was joined in his assertion by two other key figures in the investigation.

Rep. Ford Upholds Report

Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.), a member of the commission, said the findings of the commission are as valid today as they were when they were announced.

And Arlen Specter, an assistant counsel of the commission, said he had "no doubt whatsoever" of the accuracy of the findings that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin.

"Since books are still being written about the assassination of Lincoln," Specter said, "we can expect them to be written about Kennedy for years to come.

"But there has been no new evidence that there was a second assassin. If there was other evidence, it certainly would have been brought forward in a free society, such as ours."

The critics of the Warren Commission report "pick a piece here and pick a piece there, and omit the preponderance of evidence," Specter said.

"The people of the United States and the world ought to bear in mind that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover appeared before the commission and supported its conclusions," he said. "In fact, Hoover said the commission had been so thorough that it was unreasonably thorough."

Ford, the House Republican leader, opposed a move in the last session of Congress to reopen the investigation. He said he would support such a move if anybody produced any new evidence warranting it.

Jenner took exception to several books including "Rush to Judgement," by New York Attorney Mark Lane.—CDN.

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